

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby

Welcome/Notices

Opening Worship

- All I once held dear [StF 489]
- I will offer up my life in spirit and truth [StF 446]
- Prayers of Adoration and Confession
- God forgave my sin [StF 424]

Junior Church Leaves

Bible Readings

1. James 3.1-12
2. Mark 8.27-38

Sermon

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us [Stf 594]

Intercessions/The Lord's prayer

Junior Church Returns

Communion

Hymn: Let him to whom we now belong [StF 557]

Benediction

The Grace

Coffee

The YouTube link to view the live stream on Sunday is:

<https://youtube.com/live/CpdrR9YqpRo?feature=share>



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Almighty God, we thank you for the richness and diversity of each unique person. Your church across the whole world is a body made up of many different parts, with different ways of praising and worshipping you. May we respect each other's differences and help us to unite together in one faith. We pray for those Christians who don't have the privilege of worshipping in freedom; for those persecuted for their faith. We pray for their safety and for organisations who support them.

This week, we pray for all those living in Oakengates. May they know God's love, wisdom and peace in their lives.

NOTICES

Church Finances

We do not take a collection during the service but a Response Box (for cash) and a contactless machine (for cards) is on the Information Table, should you wish to make a donation to the work of our Church. Alternatively, you could sign a Standing Order form committing to regular monthly giving, which allows our Treasurer (Ben) to monitor the church finances more closely. Please do speak with Ben if you wish to make arrangements for this.

Circuit Picnic – 21st September

The annual circuit picnic will once again be on the field behind the Pines. The picnic will be held on Saturday 21st September, in the afternoon. We start with a small act of worship, followed by picnic and games. It's a great opportunity to come together.

Dates for your diary

- 4th – 6th October – 3Generate Weekend
- Sunday 13th October – Harvest Festival
- Sunday 20th October – Church Meeting (after 11am service)
- Sunday 8th December – 30 years of C@P Celebration Service

3Generate Get-Together

Sarah has sent out permission forms to be completed – please make sure these are returned by this Sunday.

Please could all young people who are attending 3Generate attend our service on Sunday 15th September and stay after the service for some lunch. (Or join us after the service if they have another morning commitment which means they can't join the service.) The young people from Bracknell Methodist Church will be joining us too so we can all meet and chat about the weekend.

NOTICES FROM ST MICHAEL'S

Ranelagh School Admissions for September 2025

If you have a child entering year 6 in September 2024 and you wish to apply to Ranelagh School, you will need to attend one of their open days on Thursday 19th September or Monday 23rd September 2024. You will be able to collect your SIF which will then require a clergy signature. This is in addition to the CAF you will need to submit to the local authority, naming Ranelagh.

To obtain a clergy signature you will need to bring your completed SIF to Church on Sunday 29th September, where they will be collected in and then delivered to Rev'd Gareth for signing. You will be able to collect your completed form at our service on Sunday 6th October.

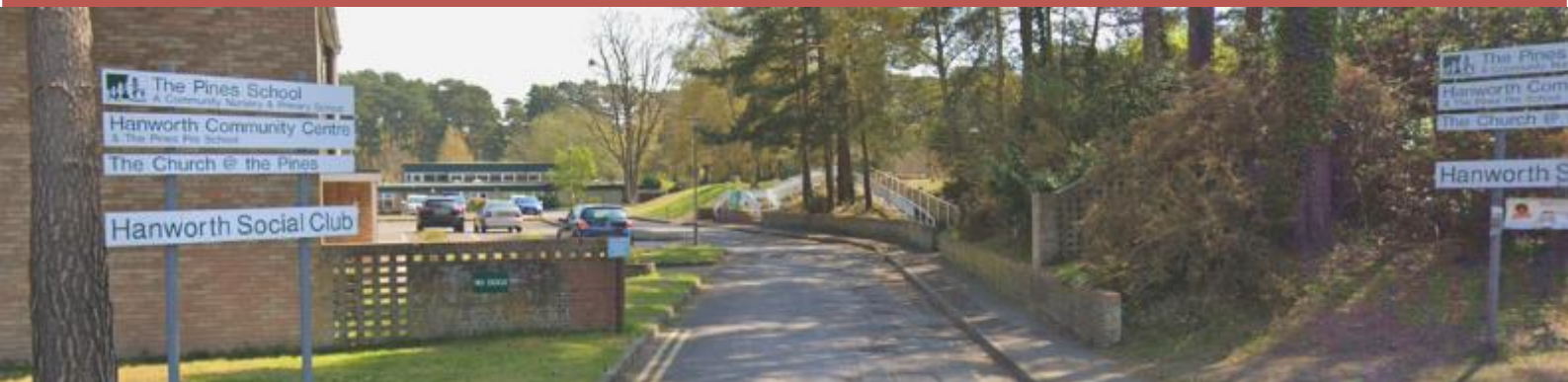
It is the parent/carers responsibility to deliver this form to the school by the deadline (see school website).

School Admissions

To make the system fair and transparent, those wishing to apply to St Michael's or Ranelagh church schools on church attendance criteria will be asked to sign a register at the back of church each time they attend (even if they have a sibling at the school). To make sure that all new signees understand the admissions criteria we ask that you email the parish office to make an appointment.

Please note: Please go to the relevant school website for the latest admissions policy.

[Ranelagh](#)
[St Michaels](#)



READINGS

James 3: 1-12

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. 2 We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.

5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Mark 8: 27-38

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" 28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

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READINGS cont...

Jesus Predicts His Death

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

The Way of the Cross

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."